

5 May 2022

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in regard to the Dundrum development of the old Dundrum shopping centre and Main Street. My main objection is that this development contravenes the current Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Development Plan.

Any large development in Dundrum should adequately plan for the provision of the necessary infrastructure to support such growth. This development is c. 95% residential and the demand on our primary and secondary schools, roads/traffic, and civic spaces (etc.) will be overwhelmed. It is already the case that parents, like myself, struggle to find a place for their child in school. If a place in school is found, then getting children to school faces gridlock traffic (and this cannot be overcome by cycling when parents have health issues, cannot contend with the sheer distance, have younger kids, etc.).

The density of these blocks and huge uptick on population will mean transforming our current low-density village into a high density one. The transformation already underway has not been addressed with a commensurate growth in civic, cultural, and community facilities. Without these, there will inevitably be social problems including increased crime and anti-social behaviour.

I am also concerned that it is a fait accompli that the majority of these apartments will be relatively short-term rental properties and progress our village as a place of transience. The sheer lack of infrastructure will only encourage residents in this new development to move on after a short time.

This plan needs to be radically reconsidered to avoid irreversible damage to the Dundrum community and its future.

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